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7 **BEFORE THE**
8 **BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 2013 - 371

12 **MARY LOU SKUNDRICH**
13 **265 Redwood Trails**
14 **Trinidad, CA 95570**

A C C U S A T I O N

15 **Registered Nurse License No. 814528**

16 Respondent.

17 Complainant alleges:

PARTIES

18 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her
19 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of
20 Consumer Affairs.

21 2. On or about February 21, 2012, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered
22 Nurse License Number 814528 to Mary Lou Skundrich (Respondent). The Registered Nurse
23 License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
24 expire on February 28, 2014, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

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26 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board),
27 Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section
28 references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

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1 CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

2 (Unprofessional Conduct - Out of State Discipline)

3 8. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code
4 section 2761, subdivision(a)(4), in that on or about February 21, 2012 in a disciplinary action
5 before the Board of Nursing for the State of New Mexico, the Board of Nursing issued a Default
6 Order revoking License No. RN71617 issued to Mary Lou Skundrich. The circumstances are as
7 follows:

8 9. On or about February 4, 2011, a complaint was filed against Mary Lou Skundrich for
9 violating the New Mexico Nursing Practice Act. The complaint alleged Ms. Skundrich committed
10 incompetence and unprofessional conduct while she was treating patients at Mimbres Memorial
11 Hospital and Nursing Home in Deming, New Mexico. The underlying conduct supporting the
12 New Mexico Board of Nursing's disciplinary action against respondent's registered nurse license
13 is based on the following incidents:

14 A. In 2010, Respondent failed to reassess a patient after administering the medication
15 Ambien. The patient subsequently fell out of bed and sustained an orbital fracture.

16 B. Several weeks later, on or about December 21, 2010, Respondent failed to reassess a
17 patient after she administered Ativan 0.25 mg, IV, Morphine sulfate 1 mg, IV at 0500 hours, and
18 a subsequent scheduled dose of Dilaudid 2 mg, IV at 0600 hours. The 80 year old patient was
19 noted to be lethargic with shallow respirations and was given 0.1 mg Narcan IV at 0900 hours,
20 with a repeat dose at 1050 hours. Respondent's last assessment according to the chart was at 0300
21 hours. A review of the Pyxis report showed the Dilaudid had been removed at 0728 hours, not
22 0600 hours as noted in the Medication Administration Report.

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24 PRAYER

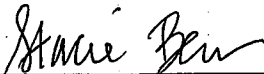
25 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
26 and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

27 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 814528, issued to Mary
28 Lou Skundrich;

1 2. Ordering Mary Lou Skundrich to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable
2 costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions
3 Code section 125.3;

4 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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8 DATED: November 5, 2012

for 
LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN
Executive Officer
Board of Registered Nursing
Department of Consumer Affairs
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